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Subject: client contact documentation in the Lotus Notes e-file

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As you should know, the substance of client contact is also to be documented. This substance does not have to be documented in the e-file; it can be documented either in the physical file or the e-file.

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I will assume letters in the e-file were mailed to the client. Therefore, they do not need to be additionally documented in a Memo to Case File.

Regarding meeting the 7 days and 30 day rules, please remember:

- -- Initial 7-day contact: If the client is in jail, this 7-day contact is to be a jail visit. If the client is on bond, the 7-day rule is met by a telephone call or a letter to the client in which the client is asked to immediately schedule an office meeting; if a telephone call is attempted but you are not able to talk to the defendant personally, the call is to be followed up by a letter in that first 7 days.
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I'll be happy to discuss this with you if you have concerns.

Thanks.

Please beware of our below policy. For juvenile cases, once a case is post-arraignment, I expect the client contact to be documented in Lotus Notes. Pre-arraignment, it may be documented in the physical file.

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